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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION FOR CSTP AGENDA - FEBRUARY 25-26

1. PROFESSOR OKAMURA WILL BE TABLING THE FOLLOWING  
PROPOSAL AT FORTHCOMING CSTP MEETING:

"AT THE LAST MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF THE  
CSTP, HELD IN JUNE 1975, THE MINISTERS STATED THAT  
THEY WERE "CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
THEIR COUNTRIES TOWARD THE DEVELOPING NATIONS" AND  
WERE AGREED ON "THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING A BROADER  
PERSPECTIVE IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR NATIONAL RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS". (COMMUNIQUE OF THE CSTP AT  
MINISTERIAL LEVEL, PRESS/A(75)26).

2. AT THAT MEETING, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT POINTED  
OUT THE URGENT NEED TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY, AS EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT WHEN  
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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE WAS TRANSPLANTED

UNSELECTIVELY AND WITHOUT ADAPTATION, IT COULD OFTEN NOT BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED IN THE RECIPIENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THE VERY DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES THERE.

3. IT IS VERY NECESSARY TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CONDITIONS EXISTING IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I.E. "DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY" IN CONTRAST TO "DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY", AND ALSO TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF COOPERATION WHICH WILL ENABLE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES TO EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR OWN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITY.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH STRENGTHENS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES AND IS NOW DISCUSSING AND IMPLEMENTING NEW APPROACHES BRINGING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES OF JAPAN'S GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES TO BEAR ON THE AREA OF COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING NEW TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE TO THOSE COUNTRIES' NEEDS.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PROJECT WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER (IDRC) OF CANADA IS NOW CARRYING OUT IS QUITE UNIQUE AND ONE FROM WHICH WE CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL. OF THE OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THIS MORE EFFECTIVE TYPE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS THE WORK OF THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX AND THE INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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AND TNO IN THE NETHERLANDS.

6. SINCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW AS PART OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICIES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, AND AS IT WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS IN THE FUTURE, JAPAN WISHES TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM MATTERS RELATED TO THIS AREA, SUCH AS JOINT RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WAYS IN WHICH GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BODIES COULD PARTICIPATE, IDENTIFICATION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE AREAS IN WHICH MEMBERS COULD MOST USEFULLY ENGAGE IN JOINT RESEARCH, AND SO FORTH.

7. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARIAT ORGANISES A SEMINAR TO BE ATTENDED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS INSTITUTES IN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS IDRC IN CANADA, AND SO INITIATE DISCUSSION AIMED AT REACHING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THESE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES.

8. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT THE OECD HEADQUARTERS OR CANADA, WHERE THE IDRC IS LOCATED, WOULD BE THE BEST PLACES FOR THIS

SEMINAR UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE OECD.

9. JAPAN WOULD, OF COURSE, PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A  
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